GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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GUIDELINES ON TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether amendments have been issued vide Gazette Notification No. S.O. 268(E) for Transport Rules and S.O. 279(E) dated March 26, 2001 for slaughter houses;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are aware about the comprehensive booklet published by Animal Rights International and some other NGOs appealing for implementation of the Rules and Regulations;

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Ministry for implementation of Rules;

(e) whether instances have come to notice that even where bacterial infection is checked and meat found to be contaminated, it is still released in the market for want of storage facilities as the tests take about 48 hours; and

(f) if so, the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) & (b): Notification vide Gazette Notification No. S.O. 268(E) dated 26th March, 2001 for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Transport of Animals on foot) Rules 2001 has been issued. There is no Gazette Notification no. S.O. 279(E). However Gazette Notification No. S.O.270 (E) dated 26.3.2001 regarding prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Slaughter House) Rules has been issued.

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Transport of Animals on foot) Rules 2001 provides for various modes of transport, and norms for, health of animals, speed of vehicle, cage size, food, fodder, water and medical attention for the animals to be transported. It also specifies the timings, maximum distance to be covered, maximum number of walking hours, period of rest, temperature range etc., power of the police to require the owner to take the animals to nearest Magistrate. The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Slaughter House) Rules 2001 lays down norms of hygiene, drainage, ventilation, and slaughter in isolation.

(c) & (d): On the directions of the Central Government the State Governments have facilitated the constitution of 307 Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCAs) for implementation of the rules and regulations of the Act. The States have also been directed to implement the Rules.

(e) No Sir.

(f) Does not arise.